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Dr Riccardo Cappato is currently chief of the Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology Research Center at Humanitas Research Center in Milan, Italy, Director of the Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology II Center and Professor at Humanitas University department of Biomedical Sciences. He is the current President of the European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society (ECAS). He has also been the Co-Director of the Europe AF Congress since 2007, held in London on an annual basis.

Dr Cappato began his medical training at the University of Ferrara, completing his “cursus studiorum” in 1983. He was a junior physician in the Department of Cardiology of the Arcispedale Santa Anna di Ferrara, Reggio Emilia, Italy, where he also completed his internship and residency. Between 1993 and 2000, he was the Co-Director of the Electrophysiology Laboratory (EP-Lab) at Eppendorf University and St. Georg General Hospital, Hamburg, Germany.

Dr Cappato has been the Principal Investigator for X-VERT (eXploring the efficacy and safety of oral rivaroxaban OD compared with that of dose-adjusted oral VKA for the prEvention of caRdiovascular events in patients with non-valvular aTtrial fibrillation scheduled for cardioversion) and VENTURE-AF (randomized, open-label, actiVe-controlled multi-cENTER stUdy to evaluate the safety of Rivaroxaban and vitamin K antagonists in subjects undergoing cathEter ablation for Atrial Fibrillation) studies. Dr Cappato is also leading investigator of a patient-based worldwide atrial fibrillation ablation survey. He is the co-inventor of the sub-cutaneous implantable cardioverter defibrillator. He frequently serves as an invited speaker at major international meetings. He has published over 300 peer-reviewed journals and book chapters, and is on the editorial board of numerous Cardiology Journals.